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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. The reference was recently cited by the Examiner in co-pending matter serial no. 10/517,853. A copy of the Form 892, issued by the Examiner, is enclosed. The Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed.

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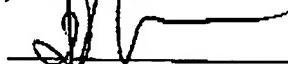
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